

## **REMARKS**

The Applicant and Applicant's attorney wish to thank the Examiner for the time spent reviewing the application and preparing the Office Action, and for the courtesies extended during a telephonic conference call on October 16, 2006. During the conference call, the Office Action and claims 1-10 were discussed. The Examiner indicated that amending claim 1 to include the limitations of objected to claim 2, as well as amending claims 4-5 and 7 to depend from claim 1 should bring the application in compliance with the requirements set forth in the Office Action.

In the Office Action, claims 3 and 23-24 were allowed, claims 2 and 4-10 were objected but would be allowable if rewritten to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and claims 1 and 11-15 were rejected. By this paper, independent claim 1 and dependent claims 4-5 and 7 have been amended, and claim 2 has been canceled. Applicant submits that claim amendments do not add new matter and entry thereof is respectfully requested. As a result, claims 1, 3-15, 23 and 24 are pending and should be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the above-identified claims is now respectfully requested.

### **Objected Claims**

In the Office Action, it was indicated that claims 2, 4-10 were objected to but would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this paper, claim 1 has been amended to include all the limitations of objected claim 2. Accordingly, claim 1 should be in condition for allowance.

Claims 4-15 depend from allowable base claim 1 and thus incorporate all the limitations presented therein. As such, claims 4-15 should be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 4-15 are respectfully requested.

## **Conclusion**

By this paper pending claims 1, 4-5 and 7 have been amended for the sake of clarity or to more clearly point out novel aspects of Applicant's invention. Claim 2 has been canceled. As a result, claims 1, 3-15, 23 and 24 are pending and should be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified claims are now respectfully requested.

In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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